

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1335

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 8600 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1335, as introduced, Lieu. Elections: write-in candidates.

Existing law requires that write-in candidates submit a statement to the appropriate elections official containing specified information about their candidacy.

This bill would require that a write-in candidate for the office of superior court judge include on the statement his or her compliance with certain eligibility provisions for a judge of a court of record.

Because the bill would change the duties of local elections officials, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8600 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

8600. ~~Every~~A person who desires to be a write-in candidate and have his or her name as written on the ballot of an election counted for a particular office shall file *the following*:

(a) A statement of write-in candidacy that contains the following information:

(1) Candidate's name.

(2) Residence address.

(3) A declaration stating that he or she is a write-in candidate.

(4) The title of the office for which he or she is running.

(5) The party nomination which he or she seeks, if running in a primary election.

(6) The date of the election.

(7) *If for the office of superior court judge, a statement that the person satisfies the eligibility requirements of Section 15 of Article VI of the California Constitution.*

(b) The requisite number of signatures on the nomination papers, if any, required pursuant to ~~Sections~~ Section 8062, 10220, or 10510 or, in the case of a special district not subject to the Uniform District Election Law (Part 4 (commencing with Section 10500) of Division 10), the number of signatures required by the principal act of the district.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.